being made to safeguard the interests of social sector?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Common Minimum Programme (CMP) of the Government lays down that:

> "There is a strong link between infrastructure development and financial sector reforms. Infrastructure needs long term finances. The United Front Government will carry out further reforms of the financial sector so that the flow of both domestic and foreign funds to the infrastructure is enhanced substantially".

The Life and Pension Funds generated in the insurance sector, constitute one of the important sources of long term funds available for investments in the infrastructure sector in our country. A view on how best a part of these funds could be made available to infrastructure sector without affecting the other social sector requirements will be examined in consultation with the LIC and the Insurance Regulatory Authority along with the other measures required for reforms in the insurance sector.

**Construction of Tourist Bungalows in Kendrapara District of Orissa**

1135. SHRIMATI ILA PANDA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have proposed to construct a number of tourist bungalows in the district of Kendrapara in Orissa; and

(b) if so, the details of the location and number of these bungalows to be constructed?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA): (a) and (b) The Department of Tourism in consultation with the State Government officials prioritieses project based on their merits inter-se-priority and availability of funds.

The details of these tourist bungalows would be finalised on receipt of the details proposals from the State Government.

The Department of Tourism has also prioritiesed a project namely Tourism Reception and Cultural information centre at Kendrapara during 96-97.

**Request for setting up bench of Kerala High Court in Thiruvananthapuram**

1136. SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a representation from advocates and other from Thiruvananthapuram for setting up bench of the Kerala High Court there;

(b) if so, what action has been taken thereon and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is a fact that there is also a demand for establishment of a bench of Madhya Pradesh High Court at Bhopal; and

(d) if so, what action is being contemplated on the issue and by when final decision will be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP): (a) and (b) Representations have been received for establishing a bench of the Kerala High Court at Thiruvananthapuram. However, no complete proposal has been received from the Government of Kerala, in consulation with the Chief Justice of the High Court, in this regard. As such, it is not possible for the Central Government to take any action in the matter.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) No proposal has been received from the Government of Madhya Pradesh, in consulation with the Chief Justice of the Madhya Pradesh High Court, in this regard, in the light of